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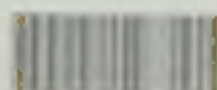
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Source:

To be read in conjunction with exhibits in the

The Sofindus Organization.

Aug 1945.

This organization, Sociedad Financiera Industrial, was started at the beginning of the Spanish Civil War by BERNHARD with a large sum of money supplied by the German Government. It was a Nazi organization, created for the purpose of supplying FRANCO with war materials. Later its function was reversed and it conducted economic exploitation of Spain for the benefit of Germany. During the Civil War it had gained control of many mines, commercial firms and agricultural organizations which it continued to run even after their return to nominal Spanish control. During the Civil War Sofindus operated under the name of Hima Ltd., Agro was an agricultural branch of Sofindus.

O/Stuf MOSIG was a Gestapo agent who worked under BERNHARD as head of the personnel section (in charge of administration of personnel and also supervising their conduct), MOSER was planted in Sofindus by LINDBERGER's Anti-Nazi Movement. BAECHLE does not know if Sofindus engaged in any intelligence activities.

1939-1945.

Chief of the Sofindus organization for exploitation of Spain, Madrid, was Johannes P. BERNHARDT.

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Final Interrogation
Report on BAECHLE,
No. 19. dated
16 Aug 1945.

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20.2.45. Report from T.E.D. re SOPINDUS.

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25.5.45. Extract from Minutes of 20th meeting of the Standing Cttee. of the Ministry of Economic Warfare.

18a.

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19.6.45. TopSecret Report from S.I.S. re the organisation and development of SOPINDUS.

19a.

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5.7.45. From T.E.D. further to 19a enclosing information re four Spanish firms.

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+ 3.8.45. Extract from DB/DOC I.R. on DOLLAR dated 24.7.45 re SOPINDUS

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+ 14.7.45. To T.E.D. in reply to 20a.

21a.

+ 15.8.45. Extract from Translation of Statement by SCHELLING on 'I-networks' mentioning SOPINDUS.

21b.

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27.8.45. Extract from statement by SCHELLING, forwarded by Camp 020 re SOPINDUS.

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26.9.45. Extract from U.S.F.B.I. Final I.R. on Fritz LACKER mentioning SOPINDUS.

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- 4.12.45. Extract from CSDIC (WEA) Final I.R. on ZEIDLER men. 24a.
SOFINDUS.
- 7.12.45. Extract from copy of D.S.O. Gibraltar report mentioning
Alois HADESBECK & HADESBERG. 24b.
- 28.12.45. Copy of letter to Economic Warfare Dept. W.1. re HADESBECK. 24c.

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- 17.1.46. Extract from USFET Report dated 12.12.45., on STEINLE re 25a.
SOFINDUS & the G.I.S. in SPAIN.

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- 17.1.46. Extract from letter from Economic Warfare Dept., Foreign
Office mentioning HADESBECK. 26a.

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- 31.1.46. Extract from letter from Economic Warfare Dept., Foreign
Office mentioning HADESBECK. 27a.

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- 11.3.46. Copy of letter to P. Witty, Esq., S.I.S. re HADESBECK. 28a.

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- 18.3.46. Extract from letter from S.I.S. mentioning HAEDERBECK. 29a.

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- 6.5.46. Extract from letter from S.I.S. mentioning HADESBECK. 30a.

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- 25.7.46. Extract from CSDIC(WEA) BAOR - interrogation of F.W.E.SIMROSS, -
referring to SOFINDUS, Madrid. 31a.

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Review of W.R.H Files

This file should remain restricted. Serial 16a contains
Top Secret information.

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22.7.47

D. J. Stoucks.

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BAOR
25. Jul 46

APPENDIX B TO FR 83
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SECRET

Friedrich Wilhelm Kraft SIMROSS

APPENDIX B

BUSINESS HOUSES IN SPAIN WITH GERMAN CONNECTIONS
AND/OR ABW LIAISONS

(Numbers in brackets after personalities refer to Appendix I)

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II. SOFINDUS, MADRID.

4. According to Prisoner SOFINDUS was the Spanish continuation of the firm HISMA (HISPANO-MARROQUI) founded by BERNHARD and CARRANZA (Spaniards) in TETUAN as cover for the support given by GÖRING to FRANCO during the Spanish Civil War. According to Prisoner the LEGION CONDOR later became the official organ and took the place of HISMA, which then became a purely commercial Spanish firm, under the direction of BERNHARD and with German approval and the support of FRANCO, for the purpose of implementing GÖRING's 4-year plan as regards ROWAK, BERLIN.

Independent of SOFINDUS, other purely Spanish concerns of a similar nature were founded, which, however, formed part of the same scheme and were under German control. The aim was to further the economic interests of SPAIN and export a percentage of her products to GERMANY in support of the 4-year plan. Each economic area had an independent firm; SOFINDUS, with BERNHARD at the head, was to speak the Staff.

Prisoner states that the whole SOFINDUS concern worked hand in glove with the German Embassy and the Economic Dept, as well as direct with ROWAK. There were no direct contacts with Abw, but several employees worked for Abw.

a) SOFINDUS, MADRID

Chief: BERNHARD, former chief clerk with H & O WILLMER & Co.

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- b) PIELES SA, MADRID (Furs and leather)
 Manager: KRUSE.
 Assistant: REUSS.
 Chief Clerk: WEISS.
 Branches at TANGIER (Manager MAWICK) and SEVILLE.
- c) NOVA SA, BILBAO
 Manager: SILBROSS.
- d) MINERALES DE ESPANA SA, MADRID (Metals)
 Manager: BAUER
 Branch Manager at Hendaye: LOHSE
 Branch at IRUN (here also was a branch of SOFINDUS for dealing with frontier traffic of all associated concerns)
 Branches in all metal -producing areas in SPAIN.
- e) AGRO SA, SEVILLE (Agricultural products)
 Branch at large farm JAIME PEREZ (LOS PALACIOS), Manager URBAN, taken over later by PLATE. Prisoner believes that the listening and transmitting stn of IMKER-HORCH was on this farm.
 Branch on a large farm EL BOYAL. This farm went bankrupt through bad management and AGRO gave it up.
 No Abw activity.
- f) MUTANA SA, SALAMANCA (Mines)
 Branches in mining area. No known Abw activity.
- g) TRANSPORTES MARION SA, SALAMANCA
 Transport Company. Had its own transport convoys taking SOFINDUS products from SPAIN to the German frontier.

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 Extracted on: 18.5.46 by JLW Section R.A.

Copy of letter from S.I.S.

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Please refer to your letter S.P. 55/Germany/12/B.4.b. of 11.3.46. addressed to

We have now received the following information on Alois HAEDERSHECK.
 He is in fact identical with A. HAEDERSHECK-ZIERER and the correct spelling of the name is HAEDERSHECK-ZIERER.

This man first came to our notice in 1943, when he is described as a Nazi Party chief, aged 24 - 26 and about this time his name was noticed on the SCPIEDUS pay-roll and he was believed to be in charge of staff salaries.

In January, 1944 he was reported to be assisting one von HOLLEUFER to organise a terrorist drive against the British and American Embassies, but in July 1945 he appears to have turned against the Nazis.

It is confirmed that HAEDERSHECK-ZIERER is earmarked for repatriation as a suspected German agent and is in the one-star category which means that he will automatically be interned on arrival in Germany.

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Original from S.I.S. Under Ref. CK/ /23 16.3.46.
V.D.
Extracted on 18.5.46. by JEM Section Ref.

Extract from letter from S.I.S.

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Reference your letter S.P. 5/Germany/12/B.L.b. of 11.3.46.

We have no information on record with regard to HAENIGSWICK being a German agent beyond the fact that he has been included in the Repatriation List. He may have been proposed for the list by our American Allies. We are enquiring further.

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MACLEAN or [redacted] has lived in [redacted] for many years and is said to report to [redacted] in place with MACLEAN at Calle Moravia, No. 1.

we are informed by confidential source that a certain [redacted] - [redacted] lives 40, Madrid, who is [redacted] by [redacted] as the subject, the director of [redacted], a [redacted] agent who has been [redacted] for [redacted].

I am in a state of confusion as to whether
the "one" (or "two") are in fact
the same or we are in reality two persons only & possession,
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CG, Seventh Army Final Interrogation Report on Eugen STEIMLE.THE GIS IN SPAIN:

3. "SOFINDUS": semi-official Spanish-German trade agency, led by BERNHARD, Johannes, SS Oberfuehrer (Details are contained in Appendix #7). BERNHARD was mainly a commercial executive within this corporation, but also a Amt VI representative. The Amt VI mission within SOFINDUS went under the name "GRILLE", and was headed by SS Sturmbannfuehrer MOSIG, who thereby became the main co-ordinator of all intelligence activity within SOFINDUS. The information obtained through SOFINDUS was not as important as that obtained through the Polizei-Attache, but SOFINDUS had, in STEIMLE's opinion, great possibilities for development, because it provided easy commercial "covers" for agents. It also had access to high Spanish industrial and commercial circles, and, indirectly, to Allied commercial circles.

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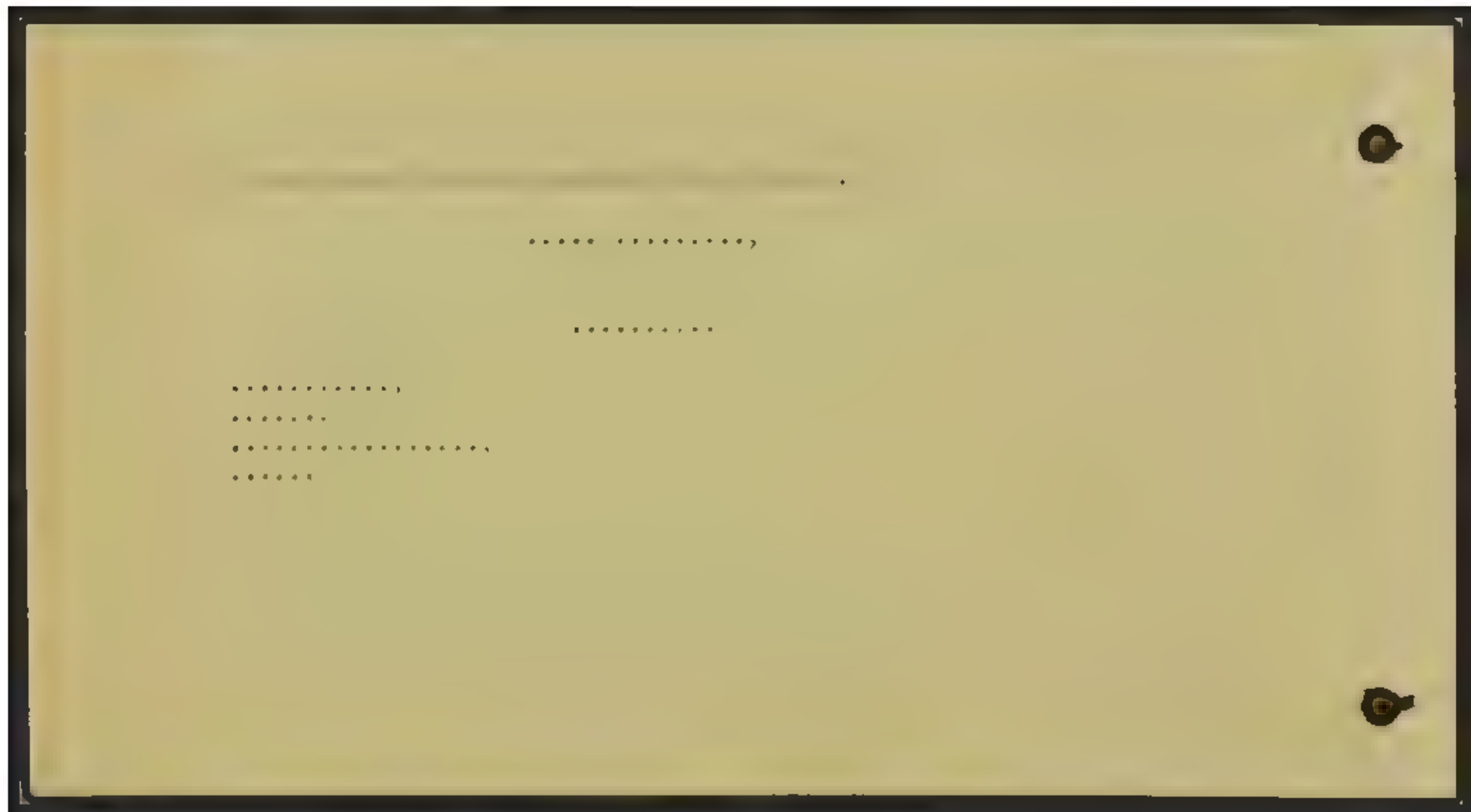
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APPENDIX No. 7 to Final Interrogation Report of STEINLE, Eugen, SS Starbannführer, Chief of Gruppe VI B of Amt VI, B, RSHA, Berlin, 12. 1. 1945.

The Organization "SOFINDUS" in Spain, and its leader, SS Starbannführer

"SOFINDUS" is the name of a semi-official corporation founded during the Spanish Civil War, while STEINLE was its first leader. About the nature of "SOFINDUS", it may safely be assumed that the corporation was created in accordance with the German Ministry of Economics (Reichswirtschaftsministerium), and for as German interests in "SOFINDUS" were. The corporation was a semi-official, i. e., it was not a legal entity to Germany and to Spain. It was a corporation in Spain. "SOFINDUS" was regarded as an attempt to monopolize semi-officially the important foreign trade of those two countries. STEINLE is not informed whether or not other companies, aside from "SOFINDUS", engaged in German-Spanish trade. He does not know whether or not contracts of individual business concerns had the sanction of "SOFINDUS". "SOFINDUS" had several subsidiary companies. One of them was the delivery of Spanish cross, wolfram, and other minerals. In addition, the corporation also owned mines and plants in Spain. In the German Ministry of Economics (Reichswirtschaftsministerium) it was handled by the first (the second) handled "SOFINDUS" affairs. Mr. Johannes BERNHARD was the company's representative in Spain. He had an assistant for the commercial branch of the business, but STEINLE does not know his name. BERNHARD is said to have been a rather unsuccessful merchant in Hamburg. He emigrated to Spanish Morocco and settled as a business man. There he became acquainted with Franco. At the outbreak of the Spanish Civil War, he went to see Goering at Berlin. It was through this connection that a German-Spanish "transportation" was organized for the movement of Spanish trade goods to Germany. It was a very important factor in the delivery of German war materials to Spain. From that time on, BERNHARD maintained personal connections with Franco and Goering. In any case, the foundation of "SOFINDUS", as well as the appointment of BERNHARD as manager, were based on the Spanish Civil War. Later on, the German ambassador STOMMER ousted BERNHARD out of his political position, with the result that BERNHARD had to obtain permission from the German Embassy before he could contact or negotiate with Spanish political agencies. This rule applied up to the end of the war. STEINLE does not know when BERNHARD joined the SS, presumes that it happened after the end of the Civil War. He did not belong to the SD, but was a member of the "All-germane SS" and appeared on the roster of the Reichsführer-SS. According to subject's knowledge he was promoted to SS Oberführer in 1941. BERNHARD is about 50 years old. He lived with his family in Madrid and came to Germany on official business only. STEINLE saw him last in Berlin in the summer of 1944 (July?).

Collaboration between "SOFINDUS" and Amt VI: no collaboration existed in 1943 when STEINLE assumed office. It was only during the summer of 1943, when BERNHARD happened to be in Berlin on conference with STEINLE, that BERNHARD agreed to put his information on politics and economics - gained through social contacts - at the disposal of Amt VI, within the framework of "SOFINDUS". The cover name "GILLES" for the project was then agreed upon.

SS Starbannführer Eugen KOSIG, formerly an intelligence officer (part of Mann) who had been in charge of Referat VI B 4, was thereupon transferred to Spain as a director of "SOFINDUS". It was his task to exploit the capabilities of "SOFINDUS" for the purpose of gathering information on politics as well as information on economics. KOSIG started his job about 9 Sept 1943. Later on he was assisted by a certain LACKNER, who had been a resident in Spanish Morocco before the war. His achievements were poor and he was first sent to Spain in 1944. The cover name "GILLES" was used for the project. The project was a failure. The project was a failure. The project was a failure.

exploited BERNHARD's social connections by frequently attending parties at BERNHARD's home. He also arranged for parties at the BERNHARD home for purposes of gathering intelligence. Thus it was also possible for the "GRILLE" organization to obtain fairly comprehensive political information in Spain and only on Spain but also in England and the U.S., insofar as such information was available to Spanish individuals. All such information was transmitted to the Central Office. In this manner, the Germans were able to obtain information in Spain, which if properly analyzed could be of considerable value only secretly. Until the end of the war, the "GRILLE" organization was able to establish contact with a fairly large number of individuals in the United States, permanent observers in England and the U.S. and the "GRILLE" organization was able to reach the youth of the "GRILLE" organization. The "GRILLE" was of considerable value to the Germans in the United States and in England and the "GRILLE" organization was of considerable value to the Germans in the United States and in England.

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Extr. to File 30.1.46.

by Section WRH/4.

Final Interrogation report on Hans ZEIDLER.

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 Extracted by 31.10.45 by G.M.H. Section H.4

From U.S.F.E.T. Forwarding Final Interrogation Report on Fritz LACKNER,
former agent of RSMA VI B/4 (Spain).

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APPENDIX

Information Obtained from Subject on Sturmbannfuhrer MOSIG, Eugen
 Walter, Alias INTER, Chief RSMA VI B/4 (Spain) installed as assistant
 manager of the SOFINDUS Company and manager of the NCN HUS ULTRA Insurance.

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| Age: 38. | Eyes: Blue. |
| Height: 1.80m. | Eyebrows: Blond. |
| Build: Heavy set. | Nose: Straight. |
| Face: Oval. | Hands & Feet: Extremely large. |
| Hair: Blond. | Cynic expression. |

Last Residence: No 4, Calle de la Brisa, Madrid. House belongs to Bernardo
 LEVINGER, a Jewish emigrant from Augsburg. MOSIG dealt in Abwehr Currency,
 making extremely large profits. Denounced by Subject in Nov. 44, MOSIG was
 to be recalled to Berlin. However, he managed to repeatedly put off the
 recall orders and is still in Madrid. A W/T station is hidden on the 3rd
 floor of LEVINGER's house, from where contact was maintained with Berlin.

BERNHARDT, Johannes F., Oberfuhrer SS, Liaison Officer of the
 German Embassy Madrid to Generalissimo Franco, installed as General Manager
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of the SOFINDUS company, chief of the organization "Griller" of the RSMA VI, which engaged in interior Spanish problems. Personal Description:

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| Age: 50. | Face: round. |
| Height: 1.68m. | Eyes: brown. |
| Build: Heavy set. | Hair: dark. Wears glasses. |

Owms great property at Denia near Alicante, Spain, with a private R/T station. Art collector, and pseudo-official foreign currency, gold and art dealer of the Reich and its former leaders. Became extremely rich in his service in Spain.

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DIETEL, Erich, agent RSMA VI B/4, installed as assistant manager of the SOFINDUS Company, Madrid. Personal Description:

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| Age: 36 | Face: Round. |
| Height: 1.65m. | Eyes: Blue. |
| Build: Slender. | Hair: Light brown. |

Personal contacts with the Spanish Phalaris and the Spanish Air Corps, also connections with Anglo American circles.

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KALLAB, alias JEAN, Obersturmfuhrer 33, installed as local representative of SOFINDUS Co. at Hendaye acting as courier between Hendays, France and Irum, Spain, facilitating the illegal entry of German agents into Spanish territory. Personal Description:

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| Age: 32 | Face: Oval. |
| Height: 1.88m. | Eyes: Brown. |
| Build: Slender. | Hair: Dark. |

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APPENDIX "II"

DIAGRAM OF THE SERVICES OF RSMA VI B/4 (SPAIN), Camouflaged as Industrial Organisation: SOFINDUS, S.A. Madrid - Industrial & Commercial Credit Organisation - Oberfuhrer Bernhardt, Sturmbannfuhrer MOSIG, DIETEL, Erich. Obersturmfuhrer KALLAB.....

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For P.F. 63203 SOFINDUS

14th July, 1945.

P.F. 62955/b.4.b.

Dear Tolhurst,

Please refer to your letter Gen. 1700/4 of 5.7.45.
We have the following information about these firms mentioned:-

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I apologise for the delay in answering your letter
T/E. Gen. 1700/4 of 20.2.45. We have the following information,
additional to that contained in your reports and your letter
T4/9/1A, dated 21.8.41. to H.E.M. Embassy, Madrid.

Dossier 2500. SOFINDUS

Rasch y Hermanos. The brothers RASCH were reported in
April, 1941 to be the heads of the German Intelligence
Service in Bilbao.

PRODUCTS REFINCO, S.A. Hermann LAERTNER was suspected
of espionage in Spain.

HOPPE y Cia, Ltda.

Reported in 1941 to be actively engaged in espionage for
Spain. Represents German insurance companies. The German
Consul in Bilbao was a member of the firm.

Yours sincerely,

(signed) J.G. Craufurd.

A.S. Tolhurst, Esq.,
Trading with the Enemy Department,
24, Kingsway,
LONDON, W.C.2.

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Western Department.

No. 273, dated 19.6.45.

Spain.Organisation and development of Sofindus.

The following is dated the 21st May and is
 a letter from the head of Sofindus.
 head of Sofindus.

Early History.

(i) On the outbreak of the Spanish Civil War
 in July 1936, Bernhardt, who had long been on terms of intimate friendship,
 whom he had long been on terms of intimate friendship.

(ii) The urgent problem of the moment was
 transport, and it was therefore decided that Bernhardt
 should go and see Hitler at Bayreuth to arrange for
 supplies of transport aircraft and material to be sent
 to Spain.

(iii) Bernhardt said that Hitler's objects in
 assisting Franco were purely political and air
 supplies sent to Spain should be paid for in surplus Spanish
 products or raw materials.

Formation of the company.

(iv) In order to regulate this exchange Bernhardt
 formed a company, the "Aerocor" (Aerocor)
 consisted of Bernhardt himself and a nominee of Franco's,
 a retired naval officer named Fernando Carranza, who, howe
 never took any active part in the business.
 was chosen by Franco himself, the word "Aerocor" after
 "Transportes" being eventually omitted on the grounds
 it would attract unwelcome attention in other countries.

(v) The company was formed with a capital of 100 million
 pesetas, 50 million of which was contributed by Bernhardt
 and 50 million by Carranza. The company was controlled
 by Bernhardt, who was also the managing director.
 control of Hispania. The company was controlled by Bernhardt
 such as Corchos, Zola Hingste and Scholz Hermanos were either
 bought or acquired.

Exportation of Spanish minerals.

(vi) It soon became evident, however, that the
 supply of Spanish goods could not keep pace with German
 imports, and, in order to remedy this, Bernhardt decided

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to exploit the natural resources, etc., in 1941, to being one of the most important sources of the country's wealth, were of considerable interest to Germany at that time.

(vii) He set up a number of mining concerns for the purpose of investigating and developing Spain's resources [redacted] field of research was covered by [redacted] several million pesetas, and the investment of German experts brought especially for the Sofindus arc, therefore, at present in possession the most comprehensive [redacted] Spain.

(viii) In due course, Hisma became the largest and most important industrial concern in the economy. The industrialization of the country was virtually complete. The direction of Bernhardt's policies were taken over, and later others in connexion with mining interests.

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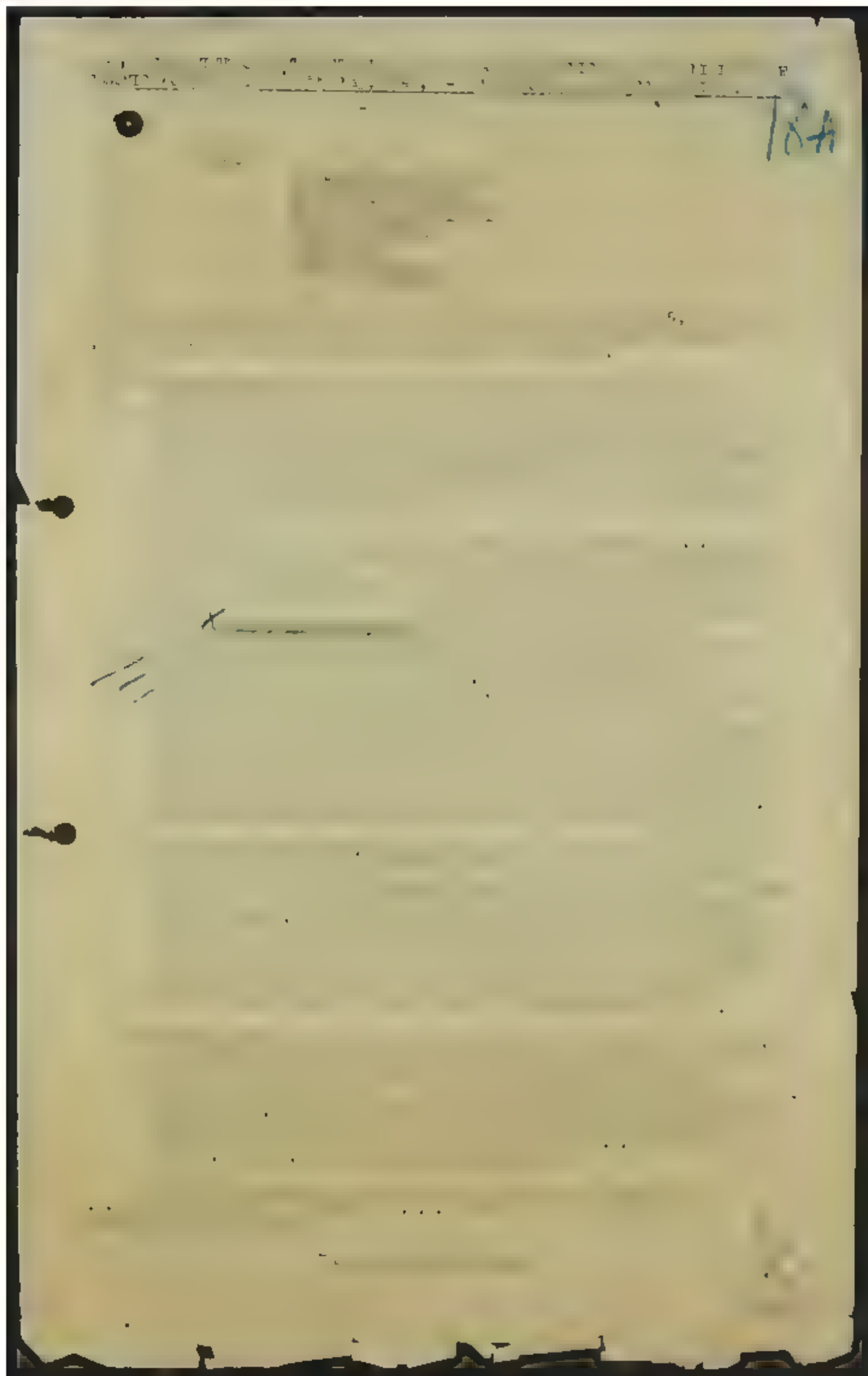
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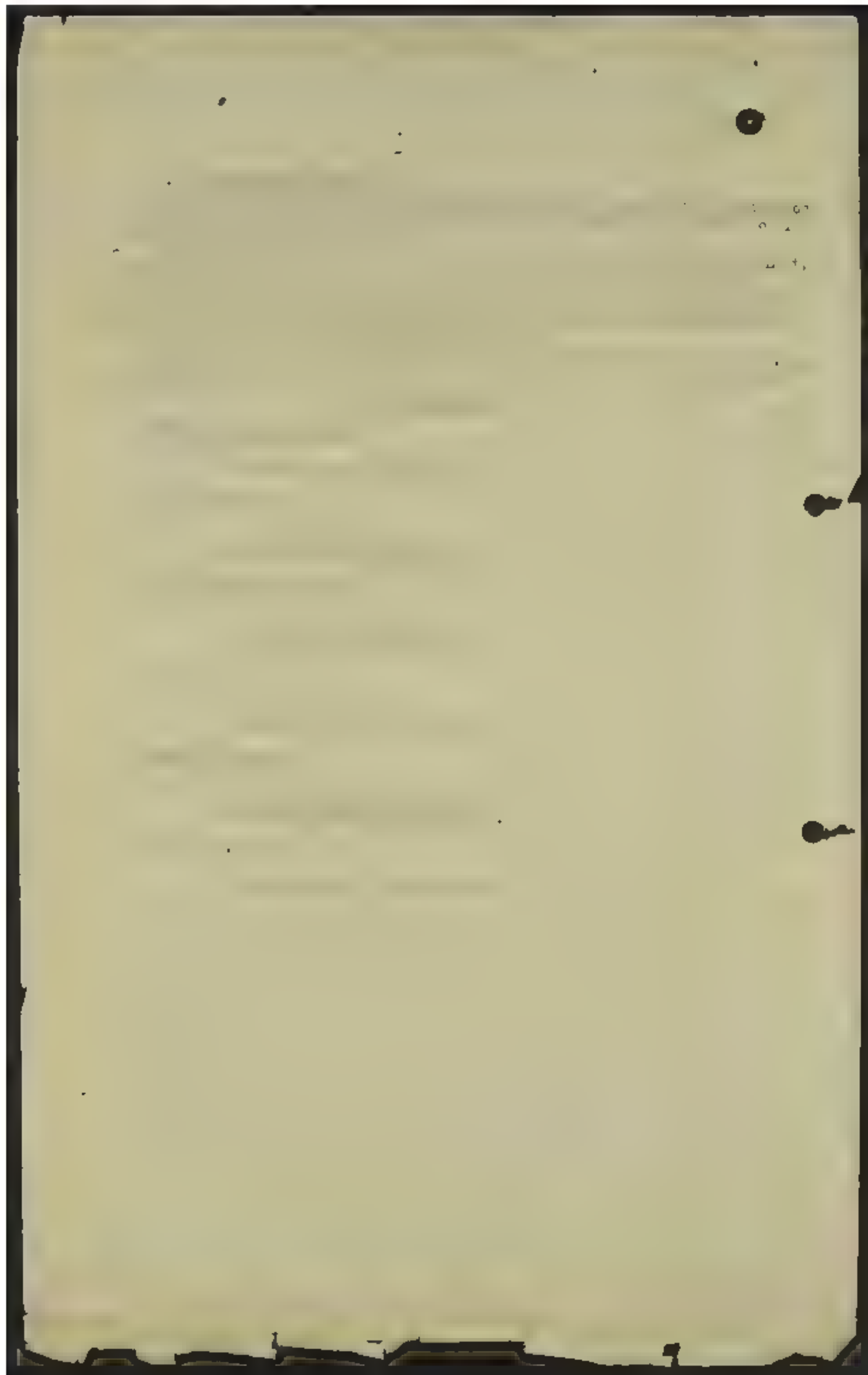
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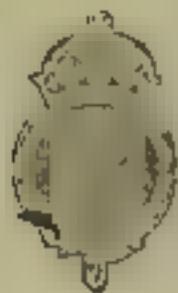
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THE CONTROLLER GENERAL

Your Ref.

Our Ref.

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24, KINGSWAY,

LONDON, W C 2.

20 February, 1945.

Dear Craufurd,

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I enclose for your information a copy of a preliminary note we have drawn up on the German controlled Spanish concern Sociedad Financiera y Industrial S.A. (Sofindus) of Madrid, and its various subsidiaries and associates.

The report is by no means complete and we are still combing our records and those of M.E.W. If, however, you have any further information relating to this firm and its connections, both inside and outside Spanish territory, we should be extremely grateful for particulars thereof.

Yours sincerely,

*R G Harding
for A S Tolhurst*

J.G. Craufurd, Esq.,
Box No. 500,
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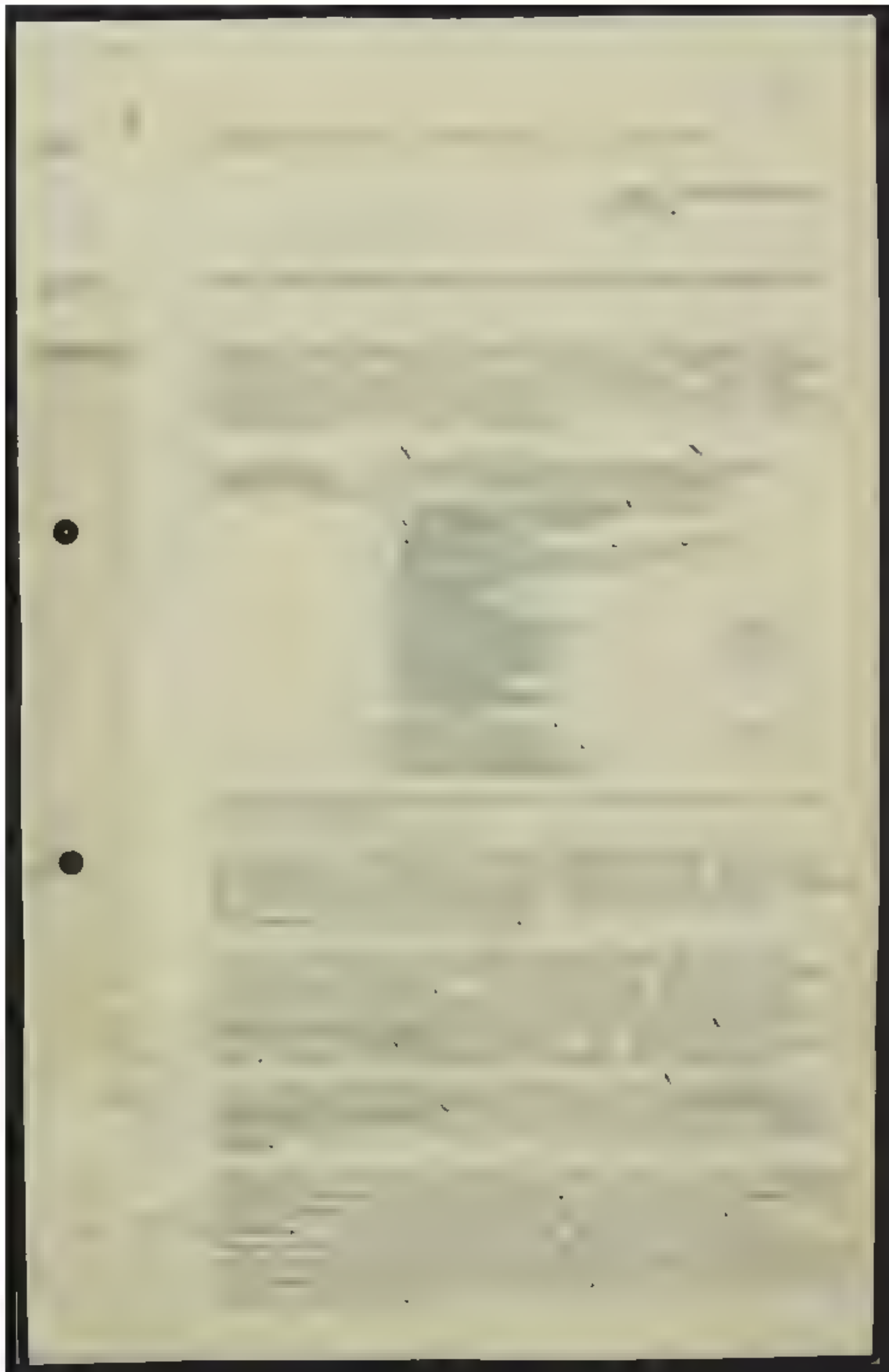
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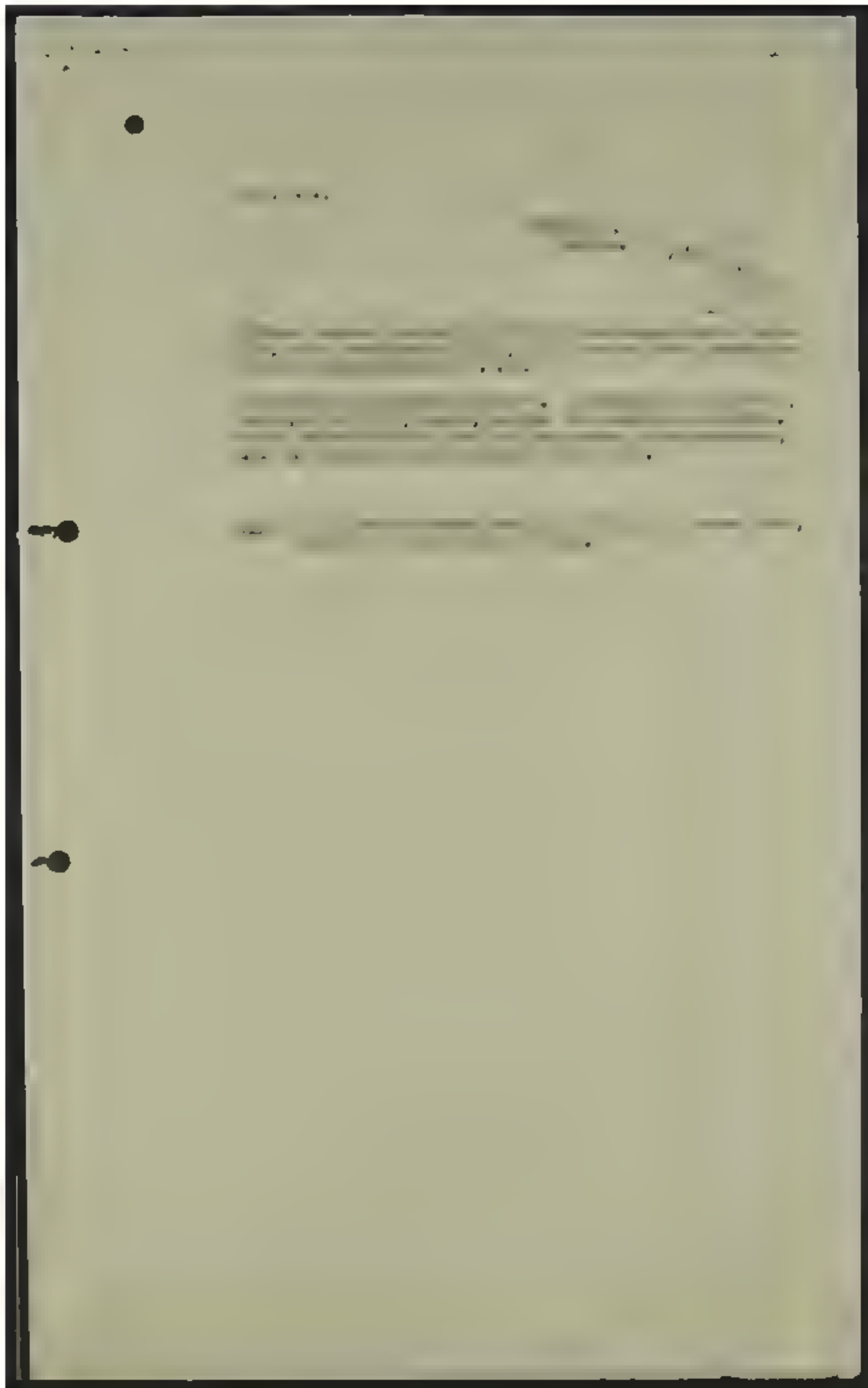
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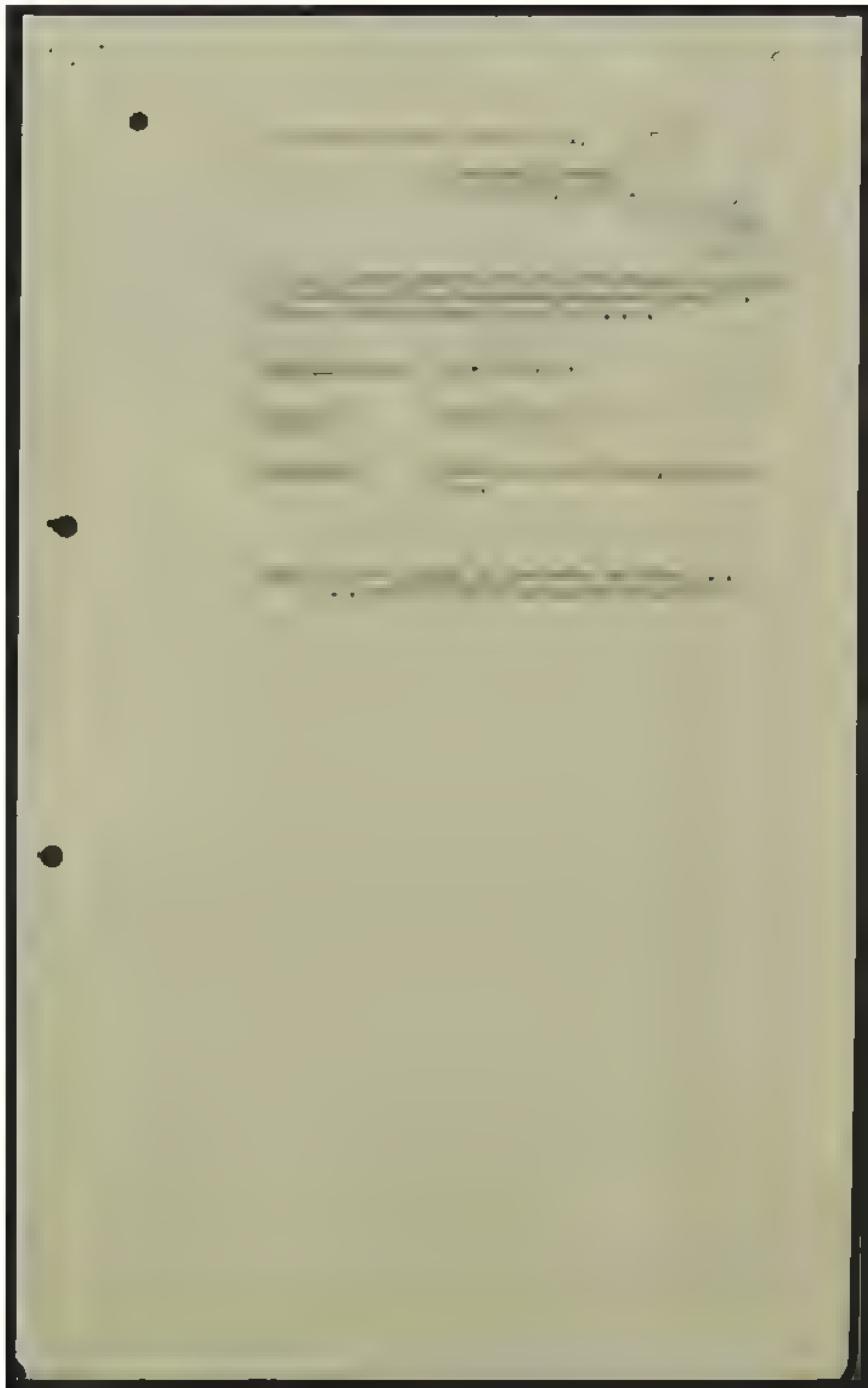


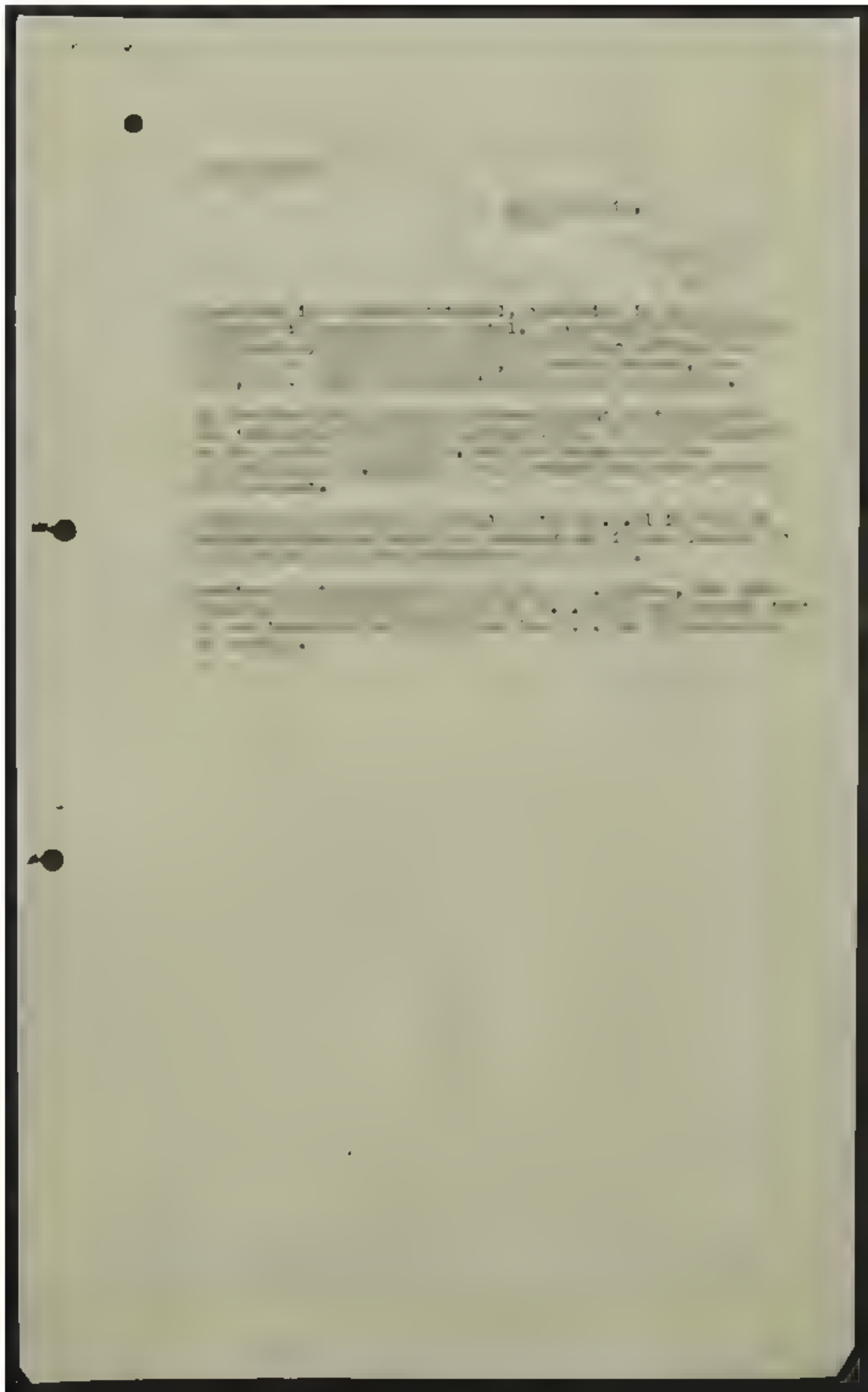
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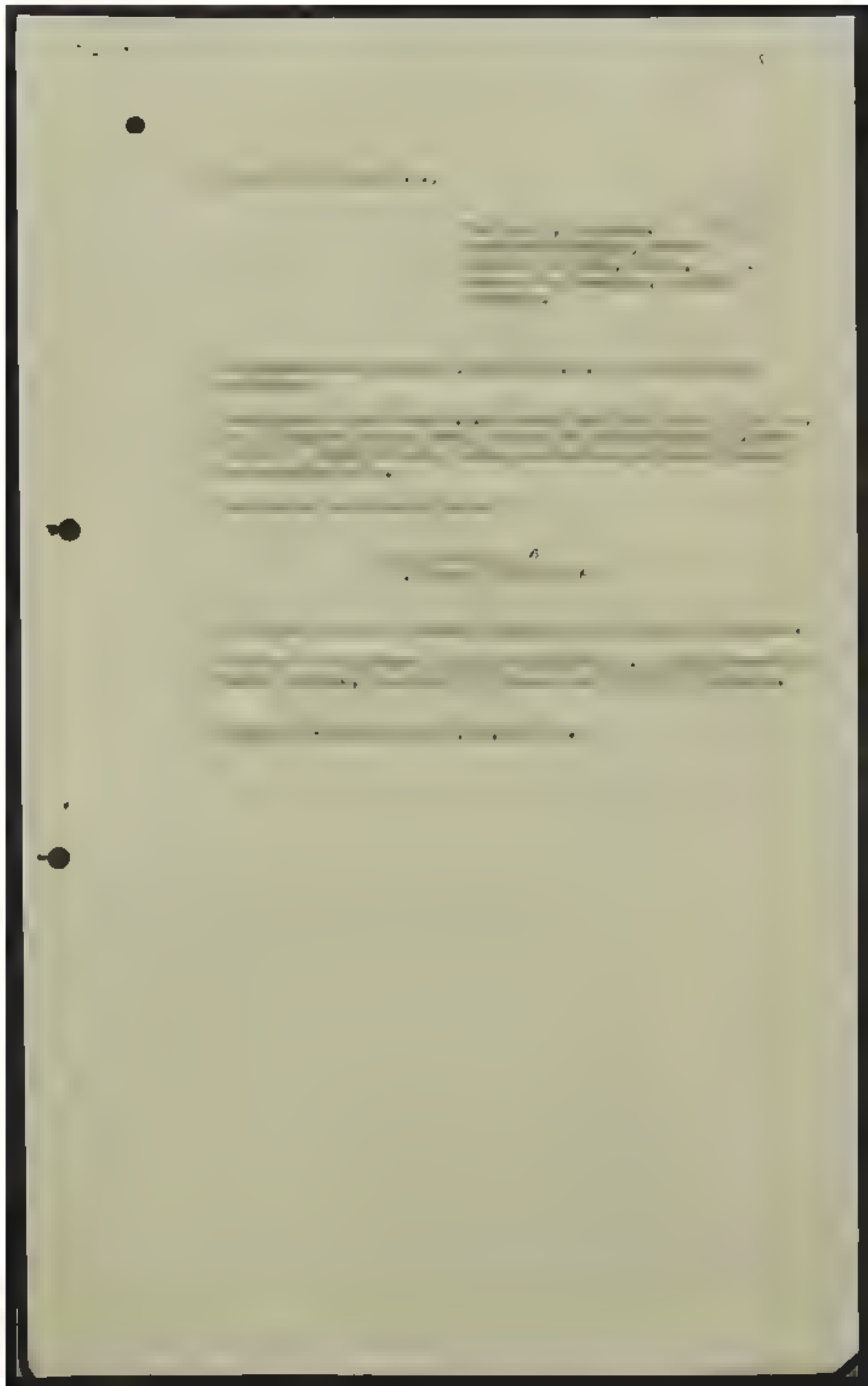
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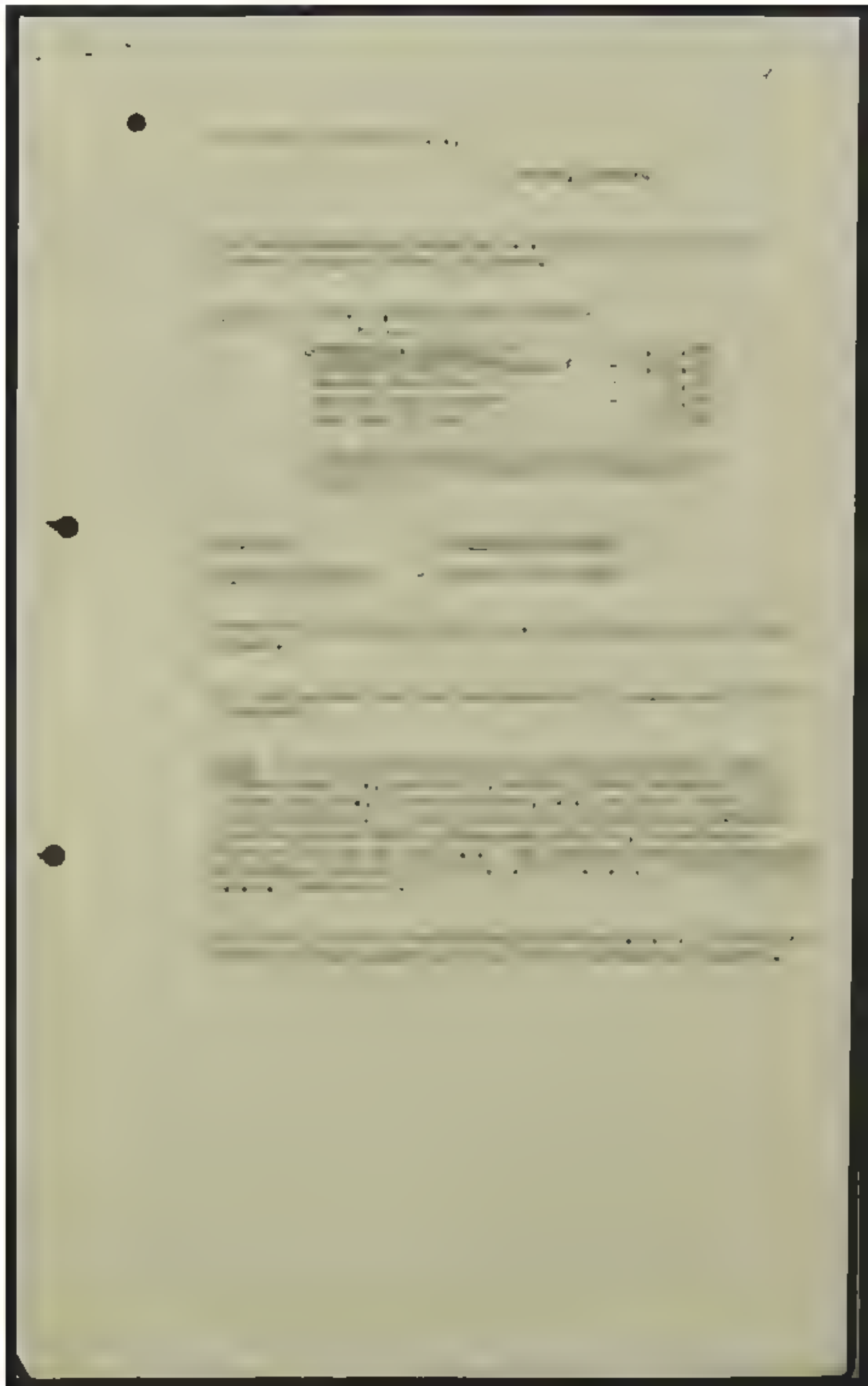


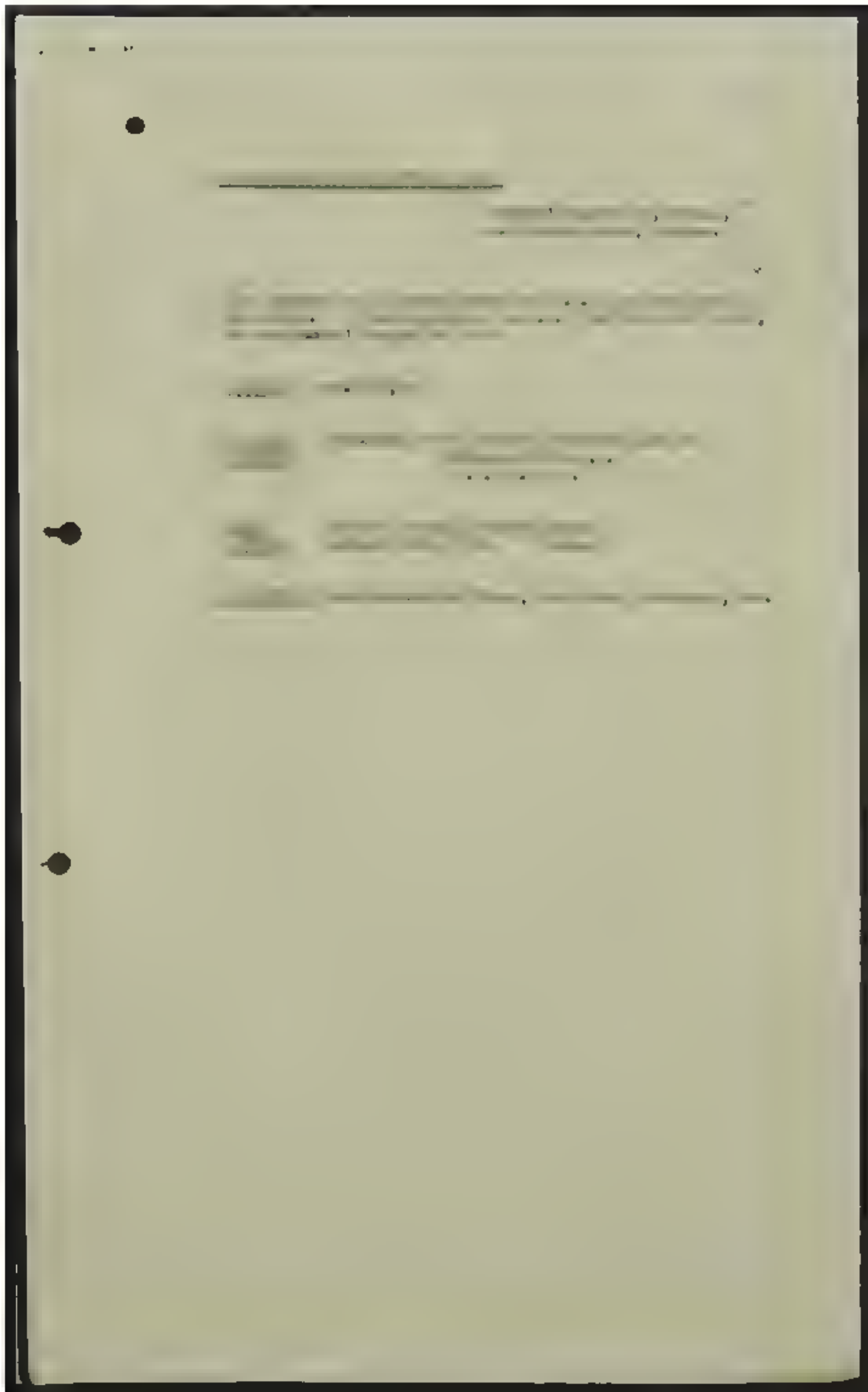












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DOO. EXPONEDORA DE PIELAS, S.A.,

Calle Paseo Anarillo 28,
BILBAO, and at Ave.
Jose Antonio 26, Madrid.

Official sources reported that the above was a Private Company formed at the end of 1936 by a number of persons, mostly Germans, connected with HISSA, and it was on the grounds of being an affiliate of HISSA that DE PIELAS was Statutory listed on 9.8.40.

CAPITAL: Ptas. 2,100,000.

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| <u>MANAGERS:</u> | Leather Goods | German |
| | Heald Kruse | " |
| | Gregorio Diego | " |

ACTIVITIES: Exporting Wool, Skins, Shoddy and any products derived from Livestock generally.

REMARKS: Official sources reported in May 1940 that HELFO DE RIGUEL, DE SAN-THY ALANON were acting as a clerk for SRI. RI. de PIELAS, S.A.

INDUSTRIA AGRIKOLA, S.A. (INDAG)

Plaza del Gueflio 5, Valencia;
 branches at Alicante, Seville and Vigo.

The above company was formed on the 15.1.58 before the actual liquidation of HISA, by whom it was established. JERONIMO BERNARDINI BERNARDINI, Director of INDAG, is stated to be the head of PRODAG.

CAPITAL: Ptas. 2,500,000 in 1000 Ptas. Shares.

DIRECTORATE
 (Now or
 formerly)

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|-------------------------|------|------------|
| [Johannes Bernhardt] | S.L. | Pt 502,730 |
| Rene Seydlitz | R.L. | |
| Christoph Fleischer | S.L. | |
| Daniel Herrero | R.L. | |
| Osvald Hilber | S.L. | |
| Federico Gerardo Astrey | S.L. | |
| Salas Givens-Cramer | S.L. | |
| Ernesto Pardo | S.L. | |
| Richard Salzer | S.L. | |
| Werner Hartmann | S.L. | |
| Nikolai Proffe | | |
| Edm Stach | | |
| Oscar Guillen | | |
| Francisco Taper Casas | | |

In addition to BERNARDINI, it will be noted that two other members of the Board of INDAG, Seydlitz and Proffe, also act for INDAG.

The activities of this company purported to be the exportation of essential oils and agricultural products, but a secret report dated 5.9.41 stated that the firm had been granted certain privileges which, in fact, enabled it to do anything it liked.

(Statutory listed 5.5.41 as being under German control, closely connected with HISA).

In September 1941 official sources reported that INDAG had bought a fruit and vegetable preserving factory at GADIZA, from a Spanish company known as VITAL, for Ptas. 1,200,000. The new company which was formed as a result of this venture was called:-

VITAL S/L, De Juan I, Cadix

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| Managing Director | - | Max E. Foster | (German) |
| Managers | - | Carlos Richter | (German) S.L. |
| Assistant Managers | - | Salvador Vincent | (Spanish) R.L. |

Various other persons connected with the activities of VITAL S/L are:-

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| José Luis Garcia Abriagosa | S.L. |
| Miguel Blasco y Raya | S.L. |
| Juan Costa y Just | S.L. |
| Ernesto Pardo | S.L. |
| Carlos Schneider | S.L. |
| Guillermo Varner | S.L. |
| Heinrich Schurer | |

Notes: Intercepted cables during March 1942 confirm that

1. finance for the purchase of the factory came from Germany.
2. VITAL S/L also does business under its former name - VITAL S.A.

~~PRODUCTOS REFINADOS S.A. (HERMAN GARTNER S.A.)~~ X

Avda. Generalísimo 15,
Madrid.

The above concern was formed in 1938 and is considered to be a subsidiary of SOPINCO. It will be noted that ERNESTO KLINGENBERG is on the Board of both concerns.

PF 494² CAPITAL: Ptas. 2,100,000.

DIRECTORATE: Herman G. Gartner, Madrid. S.L. 23.8.43.
Juan Antonio Gamazo y Abasco
(Conde de Gamazo), Ribor (S.L.)
Jorge Gartner
Ernesto Klingenberg
Karl Heinz Jacob

ACTIVITIES: Main Producers.

Note:

1. Juan Antonio GAMAZO is President of Armas y Municiones S.A. Soc. Anónima. Director: EDUARDO GALLERAS (German) and other members of the Board all Germans.
2. GARTNER LAVALE CIA. LTDA., San Sebastián, is distinct from HERMAN GARTNER (alias S.A. de PRODUCTOS REFINADOS). The former company is run by a son of HERMAN GARTNER.
3. There is probably a branch concern in Hamburg, as many telegrams have been exchanged during the years 1941/44 with Herman Gartner, Hamburg.

PRODUCTOS REFINADOS was Statutory Listed on 11.1.45.

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Salina Sanchez 34, Vigo,
 and branches.

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Official sources reported in September 1933 that the above concern was financed by HIRMA and it was Statutory listed on 9.8.40 as being German controlled - financed by HIRMA.

CAPITAL: Ptas. 500,000.

PARTNERS: Francisco Zubira (Spanish) - on 9.8.40.
 Franz Roehne (German) - 9.8.40.

(Zubira is believed to be a partner without contributing any capital).

ACTIVITIES: Importation and sale of chemical and pharmaceutical products.

Note: It is reported that in 1933 this concern held the biggest stocks of DYNOS NITROPHIL in Spain. The company manufactured explosives during the Civil War.

The association of HIRMA with this concern is thought to have been mainly intended to conceal the German activities of the company.

In 1936 HIRMA founded a company known as Instituto Bio-quimico Miguel Servet (S.L.). Manufacturing chemicals.

There is probably a branch or office of this concern in Hamburg, as intercepts show numerous cables exchanged between HIRMA, Sanchez Vigo and Hamburg.

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